

Encounter Jesus 2
Mark 5:21-43

I. Intro

A. America 250

1. I am grateful we can gather to worship and celebrate Jesus without fear of being shut down or arrested, or worse
2. I am thankful for the freedom to declare our dependance on Holy God
3. I am thankful for all the work our founding fathers did to establish a democracy that has prospered for 250 years
4. I am hopeful this democracy will stand, and continue to provide the freedoms we celebrate this weekend
5. I am hopeful our nation will turn to Christ and have a global impact for the mission of Christ
6. The church is not held back by any nation, the influence of the church will be effective because the Spirit of God is at work through the church
7. So, let us use the tools we have been given in our democracy:
 - a) Prayer
 - b) Assembly
 - c) Voting
 - d) Proclamation

B. Recap last week

1. Jairus: Socially Approved, Spiritually dead
2. The Woman: Socially dead, Spiritually alive
3. The Child: Physically dead, made alive

C. What do we see in Christ in this passage?

D. We see the further unveiling of His power, authority, and care.

II. Text

A. 5:30: Who touched my garments?

1. The disciples were scoffing
2. He was being touched by the crowd with many points of contact.

B. 5:33: She told Him the whole truth

C. 5:34:

1. Daughter
2. Your faith has made you well
3. Go in peace and be healed of your disease

D. 5:36: Do not fear, only believe

E. 5:39-40:

1. Why are you making a commotion and weeping?
2. The Child is not dead but sleeping.
3. The laughed at Him

F. 5:41: Talitha Cumi: ARISE

G. 5:43:

1. don't tell anyone
2. Give her something to eat

III. Points

A. Two healings

1. One sought Him
2. One sought Him on behalf of another
3. Both methods found Jesus
4. We see ourselves in this passage:
 - a) We are continually reaching out to touch Jesus
 - b) And we are continually going to Jesus on behalf of others.
5. This story shows us the heart of Jesus.

- a) Jesus desires relationship with us
 - b) Jesus seeks and saves that which is lost
 - c) We are never too far for Christ to draw near.
6. What do you need from Jesus today?
- a) Reach out to Him!
 - b) Yield your pride to Him!
 - c) Serve with whatever amount of faith you have, and watch Jesus meet you there!
- B. The whole truth
1. That means that she informed Jesus of her condition, both physically and financially
 2. Also that she touched His garment without His consent
 3. She reached out in Faith, She responded to Messiah:
 - a) The difference in the touching of Jesus by the crowd and the woman is FAITH.
 - (1) The crowd was there to see a spectacle
 - (2) She was there as her last hope by faith
 - b) Jesus knew when it happened, but did not officially do anything
 - (1) She was healed when she touched Him
 - (2) Then he explains it to her.
 4. We should reach out to our savior and be
 5. I believe Jesus is more aware of what we need than any of us will ever fully understand.
 - a) Telling Him the whole truth does not inform Him of things He doesn't already know
 - b) Telling Him the whole truth allows us to speak to what is real, and begin the journey of building our faith.
 - c) Confession is a huge part of our journey:
 - (1) Confession of sin
 - (2) Confession of what we believe
 - (3) Confession of what we need
 - (4) In confession, we find grace and peace.
- C. Do Not Fear, Only Believe
1. The people knew she had died, Jesus knew it was temporary
 2. Jesus speaks to a deeper truth than the carnal mind can conceive:
 - a) There was confirmation of her physical death from the people
 - b) But the real death that is a problem in spiritual death, Separation from God
 - c) Jesus was there, so she was not separated from Him, but would be raised.
 3. Sleep:
 - a) The New Testament uses the words for sleep to describe physical death, but for the believer it is not separation from God, and is temporary
 - b) [1Th 5:9-11 ESV] 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
 - c) [Jhn 11:11-16 ESV] 11 After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."
 - d) It is also important to note that in Jewish culture, it was believed the soul of the deceased hovered around the body for the first three days after death:
 - (1) That's why Jesus waited to raise Lazarus from the dead
 - (2) And that's why He was three days in the tomb after crucifixion
 - (3) Jesus knew it to be a temporary situation, as sleep is temporary

(4) The people knew it to be a permanent situation, because they had experienced it with others, and dead people do not come back to life...

(5) Except when they do!

4. There is great joy in knowing our trust is in the one that can take that which is dead and bring life.

5. Follow Christ in Faith, and overcome fear

6. Even when physical death has been brought to us, eternal life is unchanged

IV. Close